



# City of Austin EMPLOYEES CARE *Combined Charities Campaign*

## COACCC NEWS

Official newsletter for the City of Austin's Annual Combined Charities Campaign  
COACCC 2020 runs from **Oct. 1** through **Nov. 6**.

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### Week 2 Recap

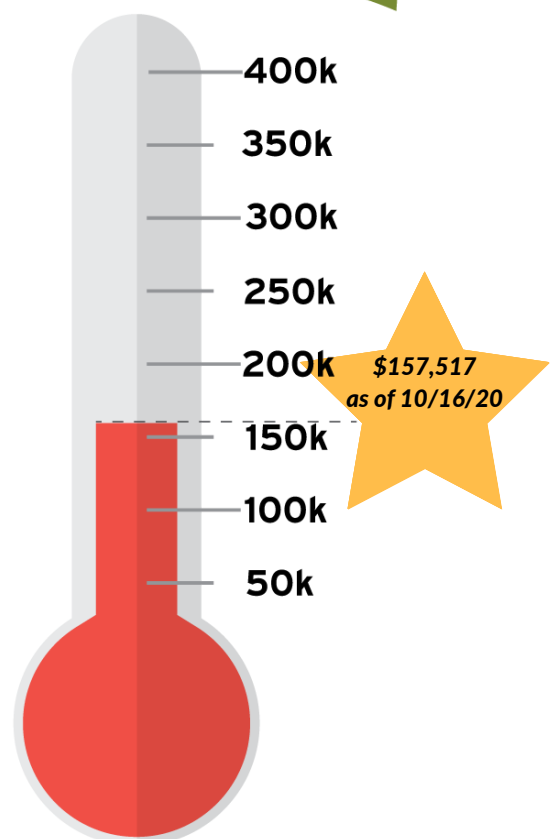
Gracias. Merci. 谢谢. Grazie. شكرا. Danke.  
Obrigado...In all the beautiful ways we can say it,  
**THANK YOU!!**

Why are we so happy, you ask? At the end of Week 2, we're over **34%** towards our **\$450k goal!** This is a **38% increase** from this time last year. We're right on track with this kind of momentum but let's keep the kindness rolling until **Nov. 6**.

So once again, a big **THANK YOU** to all new and returning contributors for an amazing week 2!

A reminder that participating in COACC is strictly optional. Employees are encouraged to participate, but in no way required.

**450K GOAL**



**DONATE HERE**

# Leaderboard

Special kudos to the departments below for their outstanding participation.

## Very Large Departments (1,000 employees or greater)

**AUSTIN ENERGY**

**2.24% participating employees**

## Large Departments (500-999 employees)

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**3.04% participating employees**

[Click here to check your department's stats](#)

## Medium Departments (200-499 employees)

**AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**4.24% participating employees**

## Small Departments (100 to 199 employees)

**LAW**

**15.24% participating employees**

## Very Small Departments (99 employees or fewer)

**OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE**

**17.65% participating employees**

# Charities Showcase

Your contribution can help so many wonderful organizations in Austin and beyond. Each week, we'd like to showcase some of these amazing groups.

[Check out the website for the full list.](#)

## American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Established in 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death.



**American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention**

AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health by engaging in the following core strategies: Funding scientific research; Educating the public about mental health and suicide prevention; Advocating for public policies in mental health and suicide prevention; and Supporting survivors of suicide loss and those affected by suicide in our mission

## Children's Food Fund/World Emergency Relief

Incorporated in 1985, World Emergency Relief (WER) is a Non-Profit Public Benefit organization. WER has ongoing projects both nationally and internationally. Our vision is to address children's critical needs of water, food, healthcare, education, and child safety, as well as the requirements of their families and surrounding communities.



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**Send us your COACCC pics!**

If you would like to share a story, idea, video, or photos please contact

[Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov](mailto:Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov).

# 'Why I Give'

Each week, we want to highlight your stories about what contributing to COACCC means to you. If you would like to share your story, please contact [Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov](mailto:Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov).

This week, hear from [Roosevelt Weeks](#) from Austin Public Library and [Sammi Curless](#) from Parks and Recreation.



## FAQ'S

You've got questions, we've got answers.

### **Q: Can I continue contribution amounts from last year?**

A: You will have to re-elect and sign off on your contribution each year but you can look at your past pledges to see what they were. If you click on that and choose my pledges you can see your past pledges to help guide you in choosing again this year.

### **Q: Where can I submit paper pledge forms?**

A: Please send completed paper pledges to your department's designated COACCC coordinator.

*Pro Tip:* Online contributions make contributing to combined charities easy-peasy! [Here's a detailed guide to get you started.](#)

### **Q: Umm... Who is my department's coordinator?**

A: See the complete [coordinator list](#) on the [COACCC website](#) or contact [Laura.Polio@austintexas.gov](mailto:Laura.Polio@austintexas.gov).

### **Q: Sweet logo! Where can I download the COACCC 2020 logo?**

A: Hey thanks! The [logo](#), and other nifty resources can be found under 'Resources' on the [COACCC website](#).

Still have questions? Submit yours to: [Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov](mailto:Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov).

## Ideatorium

Check out these creative ways departments are helping to raise funds.

### **Housing & Planning + Law**

Two departments are better than one! HPD and Law are teaming up to collect and share delicious recipes in a PDF cookbook.

### **Austin Energy**

Every Thursday this month, the virtual lunch series will feature speakers from a charity organization that you can help support through combined charities.

